

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 7, lines 17-23, Page 8, lines 1-8, Paragraph 31:

FIG. 1 discloses grip **100** for use on a railing or hand support system. Grip **100** has a skin layer **104** and a 4-way stretchable layer **112**. Skin layer **104** has a top surface **102** which provides a comfortable, secure and safe gripping surface. Skin layer **104** comprises a first end **101** and a second end **103** opposite the first end **101**. In a preferred embodiment, top surface **102** is continuous and flat from the first end **101** of the skin layer **104** to the second end **103** of the skin layer **104**. Skin layer **104** can be formed from a variety of materials. Examples of such materials include expanded vinyl, which is vinyl with a layer of foam that imparts a soft, textured feel, leather, plastic sheeting, plastic roll stock, any type of foam product, polyurethane, urethane, woven fabrics, rubber material, foil material or any other material which could act as a covering to a hand support system. If skin layer **104** is formed from expanded vinyl, the vinyl surface may be smooth or textured. In addition, if a vinyl material is used, the vinyl may be supported or unsupported. In yet another aspect of the present invention, skin layer **104** of grip **100** of the present invention has a luminescent quality. The luminescent skin layer glows in the dark to provide additional safety in cases of an emergency. Any methods known in the art for creating luminescence may be used, for example some of the methods include transfer application processes, wet ink processes and sublimation ink processes.